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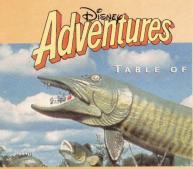
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JAMIE'S BEST MOVE

After reading your article on Shawn Bradley and his tips on hook shots (May 1994), my game improved tons. I challenged my brother to a game and beat him. He usually blocks my shots because I'm smaller than he is. I am now winning more of my games and he never blocks my shots anymore. Thanks a lot!

Jamie Merrill, 13 Plano, Texas

ASHLEY SHAVER REPORTING

In most of your issues you interview people. Like in your April 1994 issue you interviewed the Power Rangers. Well, I couldn't interview any stars, so I interviewed my dad. Here are the results:

1. How old are you? 43

2. Where do you work? *Eagan, McAllister*

Eagan, McAllister Associates, Inc.

3. How long have you worked there? 6 months

4. Do you like it there? *Yes!*

5. What is your whole name? *John S. Shaver, Ir.*

Ashley Shaver, 8 Great Mills, Maryland

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KID

Goin' ape. Jose G. Perez, 12 (right), monkeys around in San Juan, Puerto Rico.





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I am your biggest fan. My cousin, Dominic, and I would like to tell you about our cartoon business. We got started in the business when our moms told us that we could stop attending school if we raised \$1,000,000. That was one year ago. So far we've got five comic strips and \$3.50. Dominic draws and I write and sell. We're going to keep trying until we succeed.

Marc Macdonald, 10
Berkeley, Michigan
Dominic Sinicola, 10
Rochester Hills, Michigan



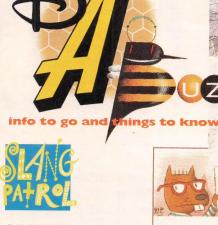
Ha, ha, ha, ha. OK, can we have our meal now? Julie Rudman, 13 (right), and Brooke Cornell, 12, wait for their food to arrive.

I got America Online. All I ever go to is Disney Adventures. I have conversations with people all over the U.S.A. They all say Disney Adventures is the greatest magazine and I agree!

Mary Maxham, 11 Manalapan, New Jersey

PASS THE PEPTO
"Weird Sandwich
Treally liked your "Weird Sandwich
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Treally liked your "Weird appeared the peanut
Eat Out" article that appeared the peanut
May 1994 issue. I even tried one of the other
butter, jelly, barbecue chips and nuty
butter, jelly, barbecue chips and the
butter, jelly, barbecue chips and the
bars on toast. It was pretty good!

Twould have tried one of the other
bars on toast. It was not that much
I would have tried one not brave
sandwiches, but I was not that much





So your homeskillet thinks he's hip? He may be nothin' but an herb unless he's using these words—which for some reason make us hungry.

Cool beans exp. great: Cool beans! Lindsay won the contest.

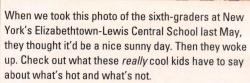
Herb noun nerd: His favorite band is NKOTB. What an herb!

Homeskillet noun good friend: I'm just hangin' out with my homeskillet.

Circle of Death noun

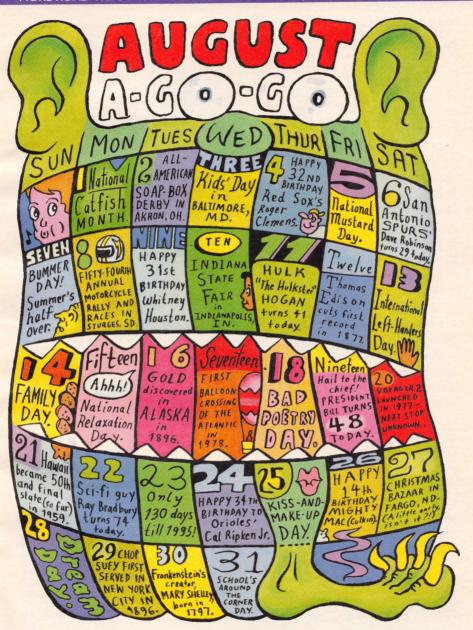
gross pizza: I was starving until I tried that circle of death.





	IN	OUT		
MUSIC	the cranberries, Salt-N-Pepa, Metallica	Michael Jackson, NKOTB, Bon Jovi		
CLOTHING	Body suits, Warner Bros., Umbro	clogs, plaids, bell bottoms		
SNACKS	Jolly Ranchers, pizza, Pixy Stix	school lunches, vegetables		
TV	"Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" "Boy Meets World," "seaQuest DSV"	the news, "ST:TNG," "Barney"		
SLANG	"then you woke up," "you go, girl"	"dis," "homey"		

ALERT: SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS COMING SEPT. 27 \Diamond THE WORLD



YOU'VE READ THE COMIC,

NOW SEE THE COSTUME!

Lucas Daniels, 13, jumped for joy when he found out he'd won D.A.'s **Superhero Contest** (March 1994). He even modeled the Metamorphon costume that we had made for him and told us how "super" it was to win.

Lucas before

0: Describe Metamorphon.

A: James LeCain became Metamorphon after chemicals altered his body chemistry while fighting evil C.I.A. agents. Metamorphon has the strength of the world's 10 strongest men, the speed and agility of an Olympic athlete, and can blend into any solid substance for one minute. He is a crime fighter for the F.I.A. (Federal Investigators of America), and can be killed like any human. But he's one tough opponent.

Q: What was your reaction when you saw the costume?

A: I thought it was great! I could tell they'd done a lot of work on it and really took the contest seriously.

Q: Have you worn it yet? A: I've worn it a lot at home—showing it to relatives and other

peopleand for the photo shoot, of course.

Q: Will you wear it on Halloween? A: Maybe, If it still fits me then.

Q: What do you think about the

that appeared in D.A.'s March 1994 issue? A: That was even better than the costume! It was great because it had a lot of inside jokes. Metamorphon's real name [James] is my brother's name and Metamorphon's wife [Tasha] is named after

my dog.

"Metamorphon" comic

Kim Lockhart

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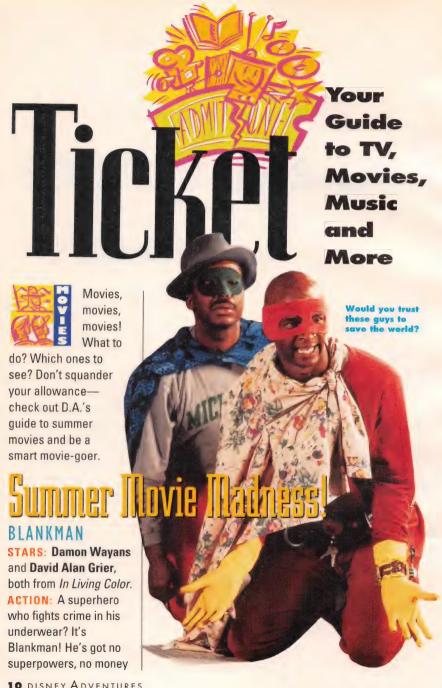
IN THE UNIVERSE!

D.A. is searching for the COOLEST SCHOOL EVER. IS IT YOURS?

Just write and tell us the "Top 10 Reasons Why My School Is the Coolest." Could it be that your school's soccer team is the regional champ? Or you get to go on field trips every week? Or maybe you've got some hip Trekkie math teacher who gives extra credit for watching "ST:TNG." Whatever your reasons, give us 10 good (and honest) ones. D.A. will announce the winner in our January 1995 issue. Be cool to your school and enter by August 22, 1994.

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and no name—but he's about to gain fame!

Tie a blanket around your neck and pretend to be a superhero or go to the movie? It looks hysterical, so check it out. But leave the blanket at home.



CAMP NOWHERE

STARS: Christopher Lloyd (Back to the Future) and a bunch of new kids. Look for

Nathan Cavaleri (D.A.'s own Cool Kid in the June 1994 issue) as Steve.

ACTION: The kids
blackmail Lloyd into
saving them from yet
another ho-hum theme
camp and they make
their own no-rules camp.
Go to a real camp or

Go to a real camp o watch the movie?

Unless your real-life camp is like *Camp Nowhere*, you'll be a happier camper at the movies instead.

BABY'S DAY OUT

STARS: Twins **Jacob** and **Adam Worton** play 9-month-old Baby Bink.

ACTION: He's

ruthless...and toothless! Baby Bink escapes from his crib to spend a day in the city.

Baby-sit your lil' bro/sis or see this movie? Yes, baby-sit! Then take the money and see the movie!



A TROLL IN CENTRAL PARK

STARS: Stanley the troll, Queen Gnorga, Gus and Rosie.

ACTION: Stanley gets kicked out of Troll Land and ends up someplace even more rotten—

New York City!

Check it out or buy a new troll? If your troll collection is taking over your bedroom, this movie's for you.

IN THE ARMY NOW

STARS: Pauly Shore (Son-in-Law).

ACTION: He's a lean.

mean grubbing machine and he's in the army for free grindage and money.



Stay home and practice weaselspeak or check out the flick?

Weasel-wannabes shouldn't miss it.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

STAR: Mack's l'il bro, Kieran Culkin

ACTION: Picks up where A Christmas Story (out on video) left off. While Dad fights with the neighbors, Ralphie battles a bully with spinning killer tops!
Read a history book or watch it on the big

watch it on the big screen? The movie takes place in the 1940s—



laugh at the clothes, haircuts and life without Nintendo.



Running With The Little Rascals

Even though we didn't know the secret handshake,

the secret handshake,
The Little Rascals let us
visit them on the set of
their movie called (duh!)
The Little Rascals.
They let us hold Elmer
the monkey—he moves
fast. And then we talked
with a few of the
rascally kids.

O.A. How'd you get the part?

Ross Bagley (Buckwheat): I just asked for it. D.A.: What's the most

fun thing you've done? Ross: Dancing. I do The Little Rascal Shuffle, wanna see it?

[Ross dances for us. We applaud.]

D.A.: Do you have a tree house?

Ross: No. I'd like one, though. Can you buy me one?

D.A.: Did you crash at all when driving the car?

Brittany Ashton (Darla): No.

Juliette Brewer (Mary Ann): She was driving fast, but she never crashed. The producers gave her two dollars for doing so good.

D.A.: When you had a clubhouse in real life, did you let girls in? Sam Saletta (Butch):

Yeah, there were two boys and two girls.

Blake Collins (Woim):

We're not He-Man Woman Haters in the movie.

Sam: We're He-Man Woman Hater Haters. D.A.: Do you collect anything?

Zachary Mahry (Porky): Umbrellas. My favorite one is my black one.

D.A.: Why did you start collecting umbrellas?

Zachary: 'Cause I saw Mary Poppins. It's my favorite movie. I'm done talkin', can I hear the tape recorder now?



Liefeld is busy working

on the adventures of his best known creation. Youngblood. In the latest issue, Badrock, the funloving boy of stone, goes on a promotional tour. while team leader Shaft goes on a diet. Is this

based on true life? You bet. Rob once worked around the corner from some fast-food hangouts. His

daily diet was a junk food marathon, "I would order three chili cheese dogs with fries for lunch," he says. "Four hours later I'd have 10 burritos. Then, I'd wake up in the morning and

eat 10 chocolate chip cookies." Rob the Blob wasn't what he had in mind. so he traded in the greasy grub for healthier chow. Now. when he's not drawing at his Extreme Studios. Rob shoots hoops and lifts weights.

He also told us that

when he was a kid, his mother threw out all his comic books! "My parents had

this thing against comics I just can't figure out," he says. "Of course, now when one of my books comes out, they're like. 'Can I have extra copies?""

Heidi MacDonald



We're all for All-4-One.

> Good-bye. Boyz II Men. Later

Shai, Hello All-4-One! They're Tony Borowiak. Jamie Jones, Alfred Nevarez and Delious Kennedy, and they're the hottest four-quy group around. The first three entered a karaoke contest-and lost! But they met fellow contestant Delious, and the trio became a quartet. They followed their first hit, "So Much in Love," with "I Swear." And yes, country singer John Michael Montgomery sang "I Swear" first, then All-4-One doo-wopped it for the noncountry crowd.





Last winter while you were

busy in school, writers were pounding away on their keyboards, getting new books ready for you. Here are some top choices for sizzling summer reading.

NONFICTION (true stuff)

Survive! Could You? by Judy Donnelly and Sydelle Kramer, You are there...as a shark starts to circle. or a pool of mud starts to suck vour ankles down, down. What do you do? The book asks the questions and you choose from the multiple-choice answers to see if you could come through a disaster alive.

Funny Papers by Elaine Scott. Take a behindthe-scenes look at the creation of your favorite comic pals like Spidey, Archie and Dennis.

Copier Creations by Paul Fleischman, Quit photo copying your hand and learn to make jigsaw puzzles, iron-on artwork and postcards instead. Cool old-time art included.

Cowboys

by Martin W. Sandler. The real scoop—with photos to prove it-on the cowpokes of old and the men and women who ride the range today. Get 'em up, move 'em out.

FICTION (made up stuff)

My Stepfather Shrank! by Barbara Dillion. After Mallory buys homemade candy from an inventor's wife, her nerdy stepfather scarfs it down and the rest-well, the title says it all.

Jeffrey Strangeways by Jill Murphy, Young Jeff's dying to be a knight. He

> working with Free Lance

talks his way into

Rescue Services and soon he is fighting ogres and doing other knightly stuff, It's funny, like The Princess Bride without the princess.

The Magnificent Mummy Maker by Elvira Woodruff, Andy encounters an ancient mummy on a class field trip. The next thing you know, Andy can do anything, and grants wishes galore. As always, though, when wishes come true, things get complicated.

-Rose Kennedy



Flashback to summer movies,

1993: A gigantic **T-Rex**

stomped, a whale named Willy flew,

and baseball hit a home run

at the box office. This SUMMER,

a galloping black horse, a running

seal and, once again, baseball, hope

to **SCOPE** movie history. But

all these **movies** have one thing

in common: Kids! come

along with D.A. as we meet this

summer's rising **stars.**

By Liz Smith and Kim Lockhart

STACK BEAUTY Starring in

Ever wonder what it was like in 19th-century England? Fourteen-yearold Andrew Knott could tell you—he's starred in two movies set there. He played Dickon in last summer's The Secret Garden and now he's starring as the

young Joe Green in *Black Beauty*. We rang up Andrew in Warrington, England, at 10 a.m., our time. It was 6 p.m. there and he'd already been home from school for 3 hours. He told us he likes to play football (soccer to us Yanks), play the drums and listen to Bryan Adams.

D.A.: What's it like working with horses?

Andrew: Three horses played Black Beauty. Justin was the main horse and they just brought in the others when he was tired. He is really attached to his trainer, so we had to train him to follow what I said when we were filming. We also had to make him respond to the name Beauty instead of Justin.

D.A.: Did you ever fall off? Andrew: A couple of times.

Justin doesn't want to see you fall off though. He's trained to keep you on his back.

D.A.: We hear there's a really cool fire scene in the movie....

Andrew: Black Beauty's barn catches fire and I have to rescue him. It was excellent! I had one route to get out of the barn. I had to take that exact route for every take because if I went another way, something could have fallen on me or the horse. The special-effects team and fire-fighters were all around.

D.A.: It sounds as if you're really

interested in special effects.
Andrew: My favorite subject is science. If I don't act when I get older, I'd like to do special

older, I'd like to do special effects. When I was off the set, I'd just hang around with the special-effects team.

Andrew Knott

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TINA

starring in

Nine is a lucky number for Tina Majorino, She's 9 years old, she stars in Andre with a 9-yearold seal named Tory, and they filmed for 9 weeks in Vancouver. British

Columbia, Canada. Tina gave us a lucky break and answered these nine questions.

D.A.: Did they use nine seals to play Andre the seal?

Tina: No, five. Tory played the main part. Kalika did "the dance," and Poco swam, Cassie, the nine-month-old daughter of Tory, played the little baby. The fifth seal was Zsara, Kalika's mom.

D.A.: Did you train the seals?

Tina: The trainers taught them to do everything. Then I had to retrain them to do the moves for me. If they're not hungry, they don't want to do it. You had to be very patient, but it was fun. D.A.: What was the hardest thing

to teach?

Tina: I had to teach 3-year-old Kalika to do "the dance" for the movie. You move your arms and rock your body back and forth and then she lifts up both flippers and dances.

D.A.: Did the seals ever get into



mischief?

Tina: Yes! They have a very short attention span. When they're ready to film, you have to do it right away. Sometimes, they'd all run away—off the set! They ran so fast, one time they almost ran over a couple of people.

D.A.: What was the seals' favorite food?

Tina: I fed them fish, like herring. But a special treat was raw squid—they liked to play with it. I only fed it to them once 'cause they're not allowed to play with their food.

D.A.: Would you like to have a seal for a pet?

Tina: Yes! I'd train it and play with it.



D.A.: Did you learn anything cool during this movie?

Tina: I did some of my own stunts. In the storm sequence, my character, Tony, has to row to save Andre, I rowed every day, first for 20 minutes, then for 30 minutes, then for an hour.

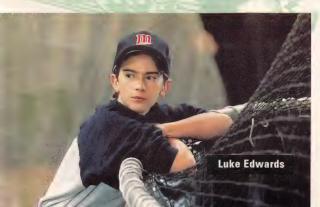
D.A.: You were rowing in the

ocean? Didn't you get tired?

Tina: No! Harbor seals would pop up in front of the boat and row with me.

D.A.: Did you get any souvenirs?

Tina: The movie people sent me the row boat! It has a little Canadian flag on it.



D.A. got a special invite to fly to

starring in

Minneapolis, Minnesota, to watch the filming of Little Big League. So we packed our insect repellent (we'd heard about those whompin' mosquitoes) and hopped on a plane. After arriving, D.A. drove to the

Metrodome where Luke Edwards, 14, was making the movie. Luke plays Billy Heywood, a kid who inherits the Minnesota Twins and becomes team manager.

When we walked into the 'dome, we were awestruck-it was huge! Hundreds of extras filled one section of the bleachers, cheering over and

over again for a scene. D.A.'s gonna let you in on a little moviemaking secret. As we checked out the opposite end of the stadium, it looked like people were in the stands. But they weren't moving! We had to investigate. As

we got closer, we saw that they were actually cardboard cutouts! Photocopies of people's faces were glued on the cut-outs, which were dressed with real sweaters and T-shirts.

We had just finished our snooping, when Luke, chomping on bubble gum, ran over to talk to us.

D.A.: Which baseball player were you most excited to meet?

Luke: Ken Griffey Jr. He's totally the coolest! It was such a blast to meet him. He'd play pranks, be mischievous. One time I was doing this TV interview for a local station and he came up behind me with two handfuls of shaving cream and shoved it in my face. It was so funny.

D.A.: So, we see that you like to chew gum.

Luke: Yeah, I chew a lot. The baseball guys chewed tobacco. I thought it was disgusting.
There's a scene in the movie where one of the guys is chewing tobacco, and I look over and give him a disgusted look. It wasn't too hard to act that.

D.A.: Did you get any movie mementos?

Luke: A cool White Sox jacket, and signed balls and cards from Ken Griffey Jr.

D.A.: What would be your ultimate World Series matchup?

Luke: White Sox vs. the Giants—and the Giants would win!



ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD

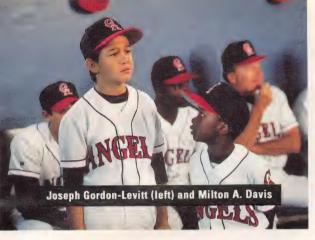
Don't even think about missing Angels in the Outfield—or you'll have to face Milton A. Davis. OK, so he's only 4 feet tall, but he did stand up to Shaq in that Pepsi commercial.

Seven-yearold Milton stars along with Joseph ("Just call me Joey") Gordon-Levitt, 13, in yet another

baseball movie. In Angels, Joey and Milton, who play Roger and J.P., inspire the down-in-the-dumps California Angels—with a little heavenly help from crazy head-angel Christopher Lloyd.

Joey, who has appeared on "Roseanne" and "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman," likes to go rollerblading with his friend Chris. Milton likes the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers." We talked to them about filming in Oakland Coliseum near San Francisco, California.

D.A.: Have you always been baseball fans?



Joey: Yeah, my family has season tickets to the L.A. Dodgers. My favorite player is Brett Butler 'cause he's fast. I like football, too.

Milton: I like the California Angels a lot. And I collect baseball cards. I have 132. My favorite one is my Tim Belcher.

D.A.: Did you have fun on the set?

Joey: It was cool working with Christopher Lloyd 'cause I loved him in *Back to the Future*. Tony Danza (who plays Angels pitcher Mel Clark) and I went rollerblading around the coliseum concourse.

Milton: I was so excited to meet the director. He also directed Harry and the Hendersons. He taught me a lot of magic tricks. Joey: And we played football on the field, but they made us stop 'cause we got too many grass stains on our uniforms.

D.A.: Does Christopher Lloyd make a good angel?

Joey: Yeah, but they didn't dress him like I thought they would. He's the boss angel. The angel is very fun-loving and makes the most of his angelic powers.

D.A.: What team do you think could use an angel's help?

Milton: The Baltimore Orioles.

Joey: The Dodgers. And the Raiders need help in the playoffs because they haven't won a championship in a while.

D.A.: What was your favorite place to hang out in San Francisco?

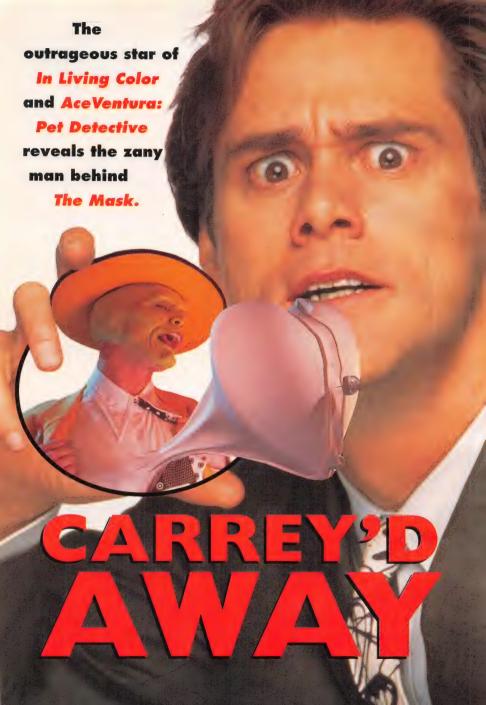
Joey: There was a virtual reality arcade. I went there a lot with my mom. The hills were fun, too. I'd like to go rollerblading there someday.

Milton: My swimming pool at the hotel. I did cannon balls and the can opener.

D.A.: Any other reasons D.A. should be jealous that you were in this movie and we weren't?

Milton: Yeah, we got a California Angels uniform, jacket, stirrups, and an Oakland As cap!

Joey: When shooting wrapped, instead of the usual crew picture, they gave out baseball cards with photos of everyone on the crew, even the moms.



Food Fight

Invite Jim Carrey over for dinner—trust us, you'd have a great

time! After playing with his food, telling jokes, and making really funny faces, he'd probably yell, "Food fight!" When he was a kid and had friends over for dinner, "It was only a matter of time before somebody got half a pound of butter smeared across their face," Jim says. And Sundays were a special day in the Carrey household—"We'd have a cherry cheesecake fight!"

Hairy Conniptions

Believe it or not, this funny man was a quiet kid who liked to draw. "I used to draw a lot. If my mother would ask me to do something else, I'd have a hairy conniption. I'd just go crazy," Jim says. He didn't have a single friend until the third grade. Then

he started joking around during class. Once he realized he could make people laugh, he became unstoppable.

Gumbyman!

Jim's best known as the zany rubber-like man who can twist into

positions that'd put Gumby to shame. He can stretch his face and body so incredibly, you'd swear it was major makeup or movie magic. Wrong! Jim Carrey is a special effect.

In *The Mask*, Jim plays ordinary bank teller Stanley Ipkiss, who finds an ancient Viking mask that gives him *huge* powers. *The Mask's* got popping eyeballs, a boinging heart, and great songand-dance numbers—it's like a 3-D movie without

Nothing But The Tooth

the dorky glasses!

So what's up next? Well, in the movie he's filming now, Dumb and Dumber, Jim's gonna show you something you've never seen before—his chipped front tooth. He got it during an accident in grade school and thought it was cool—until he turned 13. Then Jim thought maybe he should fix it. But he never did; he just covered it up. Until now. The tooth finally comes out in Dumb and Dumber. After that. Iim the jokester will play The Riddler in Batman Forever. Yup, rumor has it that he got the part other top actors wanted.

So the next time somebody calls you "funny face," take it as a compliment. Then offer him some cherry cheesecake.

—Liz Smith

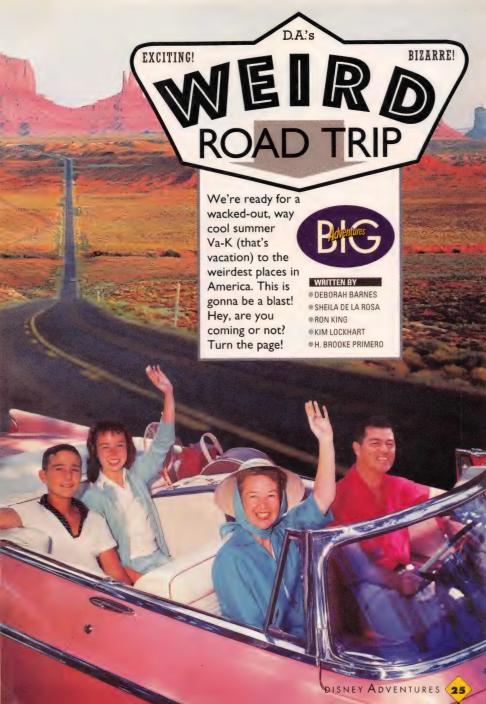
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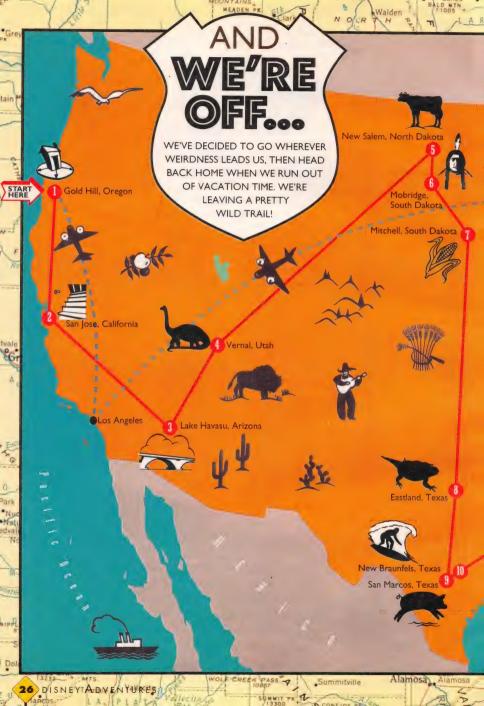


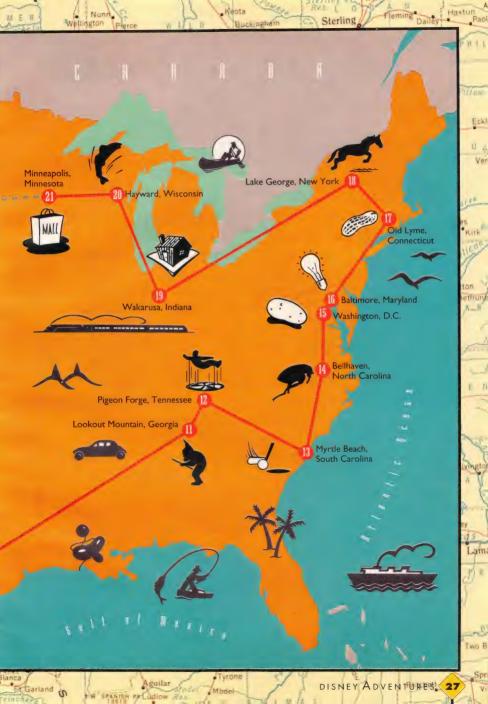
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But Indians who camped near the Vortex years ago had no idea why the place was so spooky. All they knew was that their horses were always super skittish when they stayed there, so the Indians gave the area a name of their own: The Forbidden Ground.

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mind! We're at

the atmospheric

whirlpool known

as the Oregon Vortex

in Gold Hill, Oregon. The

Vortex is made of unseen

165-foot circle of force—

half above the ground and half below.

And weird

things happen

magnetic lines that create a

How weird? Well, when you face south, you look a couple of inches shorter than when you face north. In some spots, a ball seems to roll uphill. The main attraction in the Vortex is the House of Mystery, a former gold-mine-company office that used to be level but now tilts like the Tower of Pisa. Like most of the trees in the Vortex, the House of Mystery leans toward the magnetic north.



SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

THE WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE

We've got to see the Mystery

House. Sarah Winchester, married to the son of the inventor of the famous rifle, believed if she ever stopped building her house, it would become haunted by people killed by the rifle. So she employed carpenters for decades, building dead-end hallways and doors that opened to nothing. The result: A maze of wings and corridors

unlike any other. Help!

We're lost!

THE LONDON BRIDGE

LAKE HAVASU, ARIZONA Whew! Found ourselves and now we're

at the London Bridge. It's not falling down, my fair lady, but it is far from home. Purchased by an American company, it was taken apart in England and reassembled in the middle of this desert town!

> DINOSAUR CAPITAL OF AMERICA

Everyone knows we're dinosaur-crazy, so sue us! Vernal has more life-sized dinosaurs per capita than any city in America. One park has 14 life-sized statues. A giganto dino stands next to the "Welcome to Vernal" sign. Dinosaurs decorate lawns and businesses. The town's mascot? Dinah the Dinosaur, of course.

VERNAL

EW SALEM. ORTH DAKOTA

WORLD'S LARGEST COW

In the middle of a blazing summer, buzzing on up north to North Dakota sounded cool. So we're scoping a 38-foot-tall cow, the globe's biggest bovine sculpture. Cowabunga!

OUTH DAKOTA

THE BONES OF SITTING BULL

Seems as if the legendary Sioux leader, famous for defeating General Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn, can't get a minute's peace. His remains, once stolen

from a military

cemetery in North Dakota, are now buried in South Dakota. beneath a large stone bust of the chief The heavy monument

was placed over the remains because officials feared those sneaky North Dakotans would steal the bones back.



THE MITCHELL **CORN PALACE**

MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA

Just a skip down the road and we're in America's corniest spot. What else would you call a building with 3,000 bushels of corn and grain decorating the walls? The Corn Palace looks like a farmer's version of the Kremlin in Russia. We hear that each fall, the Palace hosts concerts by artists like Jerry Murad's Harmonicats, Jammin'!

SAN MARCOS,

RALPH, THE **SWIMMING** PIG

Texas gets our vote for the state with the weirdest places. Take Ralph here.

He's the headline act at an underwater variety show. The porky performer jumps off a stage and does a swine dive into the spring water. We found out that a diving pig loses his form at around one year of age, so the park goes through several Ralphs per year. The only "talents" a newborn star piglet needs are "a pinkish color and a friendly personality." Oink!

OLD RIP, THE EMBALMED HORNED TOAD

It's just not a weird trip unless we see the amazing Rip. He was buried alive in a time capsule at the courthouse in 1897. When the courthouse was demolished in 1928, they found Old Rip dusty but still alive 31 years later! He's dead for real these days, but his stuffed body's on display at the courthouse.

THE FLOW RIDER

We've been crammed in the car too long—we're ready for some serious recreation. So we're shredding big-time on a super-realistic surfing wave, the Flow Rider. A 40-foot sheet of water three inches deep spews out from four gates at firehose speed, down a spillway and into a curved wall eight feet high. As the water hits the wall, it vaults over in a huge arc, creating the perfect wave.

IEW BRAUNFELS.

Expert surfers can throw turns, do cutbacks and even tuck in under the curl of the wave, just like

> in the ocean. Some of the best surfers in the world have testpiloted the wave. They agree with usit's really stokin'!

arnet
Carter is
famous for
inventing
miniature golf,
but his weirdest
creation is Rock City.
In 1932 Garnet and
his wife Frieda built
Rock City around
some strange stone
formations near
Chattanooga,
Tennessee. We're

scoping the place, and believe us, Garnet and Frieda must have been as strange as those stone formations.

You wander along the City's Enchanted Flagstone Trail as it cuts through crevices, across cliffs and over a swinging suspension bridge above a rock garden. You pass by Old Stone Face, Fat Man's Squeeze and Balanced Rock. You can supposedly see seven

states from one view point.

But things really take a turn for the weird inside rooms



IT'S A STRANGE
STROLL DOWN THE
OLD ENCHANTED
FLAGSTONE TRAIL.
ROCK CITY IS A
BIZARRE BLEND OF
NATURE AND
NUTTINESS.

EXIT 11 LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

carved out of huge rock formations. In the Rainbow Room you can see what Chattanooga would look like if everything were red—you look out at the countryside through colored

window panes. Later you reach Fairyland Caverns, a series of underground rooms where dozens of grinning elves leer at you from rock shelves, lit by ultraviolet lamps. Mother Goose Village, with little figures illustrating nursery rhymes, also has that UV glow.

Rock City was made famous in its early days by the huge "See Rock City" slogans painted on barns throughout the

U.S. As we cruise along the highway, we still see a few old Rock

Rock City barns!

A MICHTY MAD MUSEUM

JOIN OUR GUIDED TOUR

OF THIS PACK-RAT

PALACE, WE FIGURE, IF

YOU NEVER THROW

ANYTHING AWAY, WHO

KNOWS—MAYBE ONE DAY

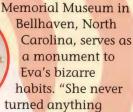
YOUR ROOM WILL BE A

MUSEUM!

years of her life, Eva Blount Way collected so many weird things that after she died in 1962, her hometown established a mus

established a museum to keep all her stuff.

Today the Bellhaven



down," says Peg McKnight, president of the Bellhaven Museum. "She collected some fascinating things."

Fascinating? Maybe. Odd?
Definitely. One of the most famous exhibits is a pair of fleas dressed in wedding clothes.
"One's wearing a tuxedo, and the other's in a bridal dress," says Peg. "They're so tiny that the museum supplies a magnifying glass to see them. We also have a doll that's mounted on the head of a pinyou have to use the glass to look at it, too.

"It seemed like everyone sent Mrs. Way something," Peg continues. "She collected

EXIT 14 BELLHAVEN, NORTH CAROLINA

everything from radios to sausage stuffers to weird animals. We have a picture of her holding a six-foot-long

rattlesnake. She probably killed it herself. We've got it preserved in formaldehyde in a jar. Something else we've got preserved is a little eightlegged pig. Who knows where she got it? But it definitely has eight legs. You can count 'em."

The museum actually began during World War I.

Eva had a big porch filled with strange stuff.
She had five stoves in her kitchen. She had so many weird things that she opened her house to the public to raise money for the Red Cross. Townspeople say she gave more money to the Red Cross than anyone in town.

"When she died, the town raised money to buy her artifacts and create the museum," says

> Peg. "By then, everybody knew about this odd woman. She was different, all right. And I suppose this museum shows it."



FLYAWAY INDOOR SKYDIVING

Freefall! The Flyaway eliminates the biggest drawbacks to skydiving—namely, that it requires an airplane and that it's dangerous. You can float endlessly and safely over a 12-foot fan mounted at the bottom of a two-and-a-half-story upright wind tunnel. It's great: Start with a bright skydiver suit, a helmet, goggles and a lesson on simulating leaping from an airplane. Then walk out over a grill atop the fan, which generates a jetstream blowing 110 miles an hour. Holding the instructor's hands, spread your limbs and let the blast lift you. Some of us (super-coordinated fliers) can float 21 feet upward, all the way to the top. The not-so-coordinated (we won't name names) end up falling and crashing into a ring of fluffy pillows around the fan. The Flyaways are so realistic. professional skydivers come from hundreds of miles away to practice for hours in

the giant tubes.

MINIATURE GOLF-A-RAMA

We feel like stretching our legs with a stroll on the links. Myrtle Beach has probably the world's greatest concentration of putt-putt courses more than two dozen on one street. Extreme tourism! The collection includes strange themes, from Moby Dick Golf to Jungle Caverns Golf, and tons of funny figures, from Buddhas to Sphinxes. You could play for days and never play the

same course twicel

WASHINGTON.

POTATO MUSEUM

OK, we know bizarre stuff goes on in D.C., but even

the government can't compete with this place for weirdness. If you think a potato is just a spud, check this out: Here you see a clock that runs on electricity from a potato

and old photos of people peeling potatoes. Whoa, too much excitement!

MOUNT VERNON MUSEUM OF INCANDESCENT LIGHTING

Just an hour or so from the spud hall of fame, we're touring the brightest museum in America. The MVMIL is home to 40,000 light bulbs, including the world's smallest. largest and longest. Watt a museum!

REX, THE DIVING HORSE

Remember the swimming pig? Same act, bigger splash. And don't worry—

Rex gets star treatment from his

Rex gets star treatment from his owners.

EXIT 18 LAKE GEORGE, NEW YORK

THE NUT

OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

More museum

madness! We're getting plenty of culture
this trip. Curator Elizabeth

Tashjian has been called nutty for collecting nut trivia. She converted her home into a nut exhibition, including nutty music,

the "Mask of the Unknown Nut," and the world's largest, a 35-pound Coco de Mer nut. She's just a nut nut.

EXIT 19 WAKARUSA,

BIRD'S EYE VIEW MUSEUM

On to America's heartland! Much of Wakarusa is represented in a scale replica of the town, built of Popsicle sticks and toothpicks, inside the museum. The tiny town includes scale models of houses, churches, schools and other actual buildings in the community.

NATIONAL FRESHWATER FISHING HALL OF FAME

It sure wasn't hard to spot this place. The NFFHF is home to the world's largest fiberglass statue—a 45-foot-tall leaping muskie, half a city block long. The shiny

green fish sits right in the middle of a midwestern field, surrounded by giganto fiberglass trout, bass and salmon. We're getting a closer look at the fish field from a viewing platform built into

the monster muskie's gaping mouth.

The NFFHF also includes a

museum with
minnow bucket
and tackle box
exhibits. Our
favorite display:
hooks that have
been pulled from
unlucky fishermen
(including
descriptions of
where the hooks
were lodged).



ONEYVILLE U.S.A.

ome places don't need bizarre attractions to be wacky—just their names are funky enough! If town names say anything about the people who live there (and they probably don't), then...

BORING PEOPLE

would live in PLAINVIEW, AR, ORDINARY, VA. or BLAND, VA.

YUCK-LOVING KIDS

would want to move to ROACHDALE, IN. WARTBURG, TN, BELCHER. LA, or GROSS, ID.

WEIRD FOLKS

would hang out in PECULIAR. MO, STRANGE CREEK, WV, LOCO, OK, and LOONEYVILLE, WV.

TEACHERS

would live in RULEVILLE, MS.

NAPPERS

would find DREAMLAND, AZ. SLEEPY HOLLOW, IL, REST HAVEN, GA, and SLEEPY EYE, MN, a comfy home.

KIDS WITH BAD 'TUDES

would be sent to live in MOODY, GA, CROSSVILLE, IL, FT. DEFIANCE, AZ, and MEANSVILLE, GA.

HAPPY CAMPERS

would smile all the way home in JOY, IL, DELIGHT, AK, HAPPY, TX, and WHAT CHEER, IW.

TRICKSTERS

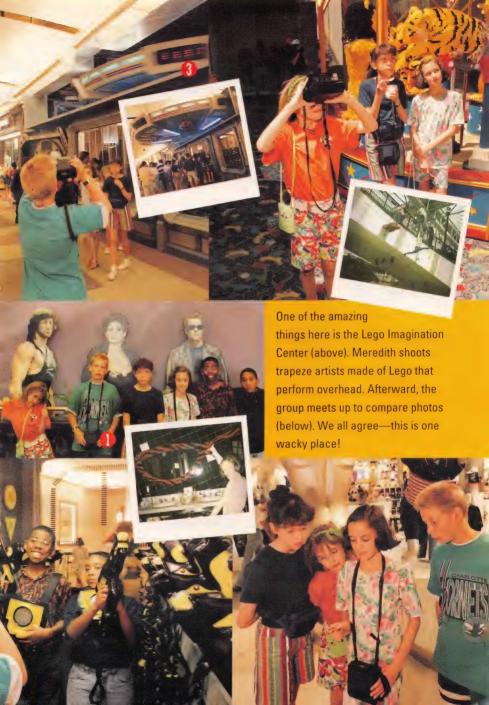
would find their prey in RIDDLE, ID, KIDDER, MO, EMBARRASS, MN, or BLUFF PARK, AL.

CHELSEA

would have to move to CLINTONVILLE, WI.







n the mound they call him "Black Jack," because White Sox pitcher Jack McDowell is one intense dude. But off the field, the 1993 Cy Young winner is ultracool—he's a rock singersongwriter who has recorded two CDs and toured with the

KICKINI BACK WITHBLACK JACK

What could be cooler?

Jack McDowell

is a jock star and a

rock star.

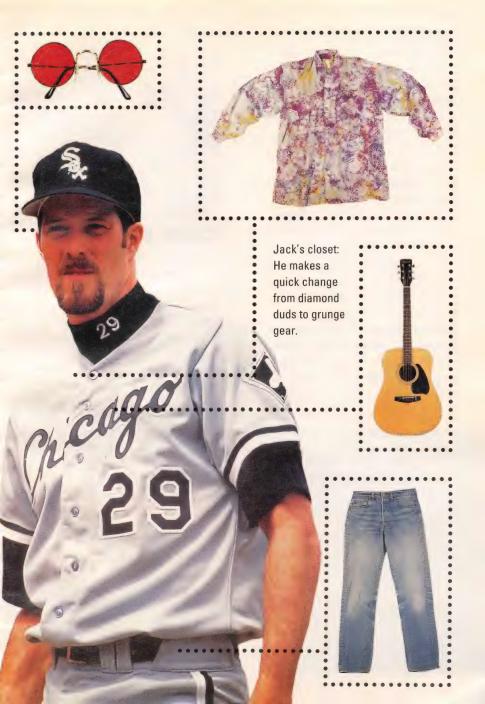
Smithereens. He even hangs out with Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder! We talked to Black Jack about his double life.

D.A.: Which do you like better, baseball or music?

B.J.: I like both. They're both me. In baseball you see this intense, competitive side of me. In music I'm writing songs, having fun. I'm more free.

D.A.: Do you ever play the guitar really loud?

B.J.: Not anymore. But I used to



rehearse at a house I was renting. One of the guys in the band walked outside and said he could hear us three blocks away!

D.A.: Any favorite bands?B.J.: I like Smashing Pumpkins, Matthew Sweet, R.E.M., Pearl Jam, Julian Cope and the Smithereens.

D.A.: What was it like to win the Cy Young Award?

B.J.: Very cool. But it also feels weird, because I can't even relate to myself as a major-league baseball player, let alone as a Cy Young winner. I don't picture myself in that group. I picture...other guys.

D.A.: Did you have any baseball heroes as a kid?

B.J.: Not really. I've never been a huge sports fan. I can't just watch a game. If I'm not playing it, I'm not enjoying it!—Bob Daily

BLACK JACK FACTS

•Born: January 16, 1966.

 His grandfather, a semipro ballplayer in the 1920s, was a star infielder—even though he had only one arm!

 His high-school team in Van Nuys, California, was ranked number one in the country in 1984.

•Pitching for Stanford University during the 1987 College World Series, he stopped the 58-game hitting streak of an Oklahoma State player named Robin Ventura—who is now his best friend and White Sox teammate. (Stanford won the Series.)

•In the 1990s, McDowell is the winningest pitcher in baseball, with 73 victories in four years.



BEST MOVES:

Splitting Image

McDowell's money pitch is the split-finger or forkball. It sounds easy: Hold the ball between your forefinger (next to your thumb) and middle finger. "As for delivery, you throw it exactly like a fastball," says McDowell. "But because you're holding it between your fingers, you aren't going to be able to throw it that hard. So it's naturally an off-speed pitch."

The tricky part, according to McDowell, is "being able to put the right pressure on the ball with your fingers. Some guys throw it with backspin, so it works like a sinker."

McDowell throws it with topspin, and it veers across the plate like a curve. Does it work? Just ask any American League batter!

—B.D.



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JOKER



Hey, what is this—a locker room or a clown college?

By James Buckley Jr.







thletes can be prime practical jokers, famous for cutting up teammates' clothes, putting hot stuff in other players' shorts and squirting one another with shaving cream. The hottest trick of the moment: sneaking up behind a player doing a live TV interview and smashing him in the face with a pie. Jokes may be part of locker-room life, but a few jocks stand out as all-pro pranksters.



Toronto Maple Leafs

Hockey's rough-and-tumble center is as wacky in the clubhouse as he is "whacky" on the ice. Gilmour used to buy doughnuts for his teammates before practices. But he added a little spice to the crullers: He dipped the glazed ones in wax, and replaced the jelly in others with shaving cream.



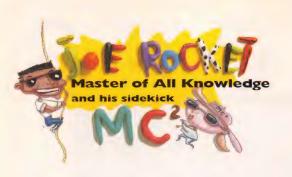


L.A. Raiders

Last season,"Hoss" put Tabasco sauce in the energy drinks used by 275-pound defensive lineman Howie Long. Another time, he smeared a clear dye on the inside of an offensive lineman's shoes. When the big dude got home, his feet had turned blue!

Roger McDowell, L.A. Dodgers

Relief pitcher McDowell has provided comic relief for three major league teams. Once, while waiting out a rain delay with the Mets, he invented an upside-down baseball player. He put his pants on his arms, his shoes on his hands, and his shirt on his legs. Then he walked on the field, looking like the most balanced hand-walker ever.



Hey.

It's so hot I'm sweating like a wrung-out wash cloth. Sweating makes Blubb feel like Aqua Man, so he thinks it's cooool. I'm watching him as he tosses soda cans and candy wrappers into our aquarium.

"What are you doing, Blubb?!"

"I'm creating an artificial reef for our fish. They're looking a little bored...."

I hate to disappoint him, but.... "That isn't how you do it," I say. "It takes professionals and a lot of planning." Now Blubb's getting his sleeve wet fishing the stuff out.

"We're going to the beach," Lizzie and MC² say in unison. Then their eyes get big and they both yell "Jinx!" at the same time. I try to talk to them about wearing lots of sunscreen, but suddenly neither of them will say a word. Ahhh, silence....

ow does the sun tan your skin?

Joey Cerwinske, 11 Longmont, Colorado

Strong sun can cause your skin to make a brown pigment called

melanin. Melanin is darker than your regular coloring, and that's why you look tanned. The tan acts as a screen that keeps out some of the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays so you don't burn. Everyone's skin has melanin, but folks from hot, sunny areas—say, Africa—have a lot of it and have darker skin than people living in cold, dark areas—like Sweden.

hat is rust?

Jennifer Bienenstock, 10

Huntington Woods, Michigan

It's the reddish-brown stuff that forms on steel or iron when it's exposed to damp air. When oxygen in the air mixes with iron, it starts a process called oxidation, and that causes rust. Rust doesn't just make something turn an ugly color, it weakens the metal. (That's why nails rust off, and holes appear in sheets of iron.) To keep that from

happening, iron is often mixed with rust-resistant metals or coated with something that will resist the action of the oxygen.

here does an echo come from?

Abraham Alfaro, 10 Houston, Texas

Good...ood question...estion!
When we make a loud noise,
we create sound waves that
travel through the air in all
directions. We first hear the
sound when the waves reach our
ears. If the sound wave hits a
large object, like the side of a
building, it bounces back and
reaches our ears for a second
time. If you hear it more than
twice, there are probably many

sound-reflecting surfaces (like in a canyon or a valley), so the sound waves bounce from wall to wall.

They're baa-aack—and still not talking.

"Hey, Lizzie, hey, MC²!" I yell.

"Wheeew..." They both let out big sighs and start talking nonstop. See, to break the jinx, they weren't supposed to speak again 'til someone said their names. Oh, if I'd only known!

'Til next time, play hard and think deep!

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Dolphins sleep with



Americans produce an average of 4 pounds of garbage per person each day.

Really Bad Hair Days!

Ancient Romans went to great lengths to kee

to great lengths to keep looking young and beautiful like the gods and goddesses they worshipped. They plastered their heads with herbs and earthworms to keep gray hairs away. To prevent baldness, they wore a paste made of bear grease and myrtle berries. That's what we call really—and we mean really—caring about your hair!

FORE!

Think golf is a calm, safe sport?
Think again: One golfer in
Riverside, California, hit 14
spectators, two caddies, a
chipmunk and a blue jay while
playing 18 holes. His most
sensational shot sailed over a
fence and shattered a car
windshield on a nearby freeway, causing

a six-car pileup. The golfer received so much attention, a local insurance company paid him \$10,000 to appear in a commercial.





Bam-Bam's Bubble Gum

What's 9,000 years old and made from tree sap? The world's oldest piece of chewing gum!
Archeologists recently found the gum (bearing the teeth marks of a Stone-Age teenager!) in Sweden. Instead of sugar, the gum was sweetened with honey.





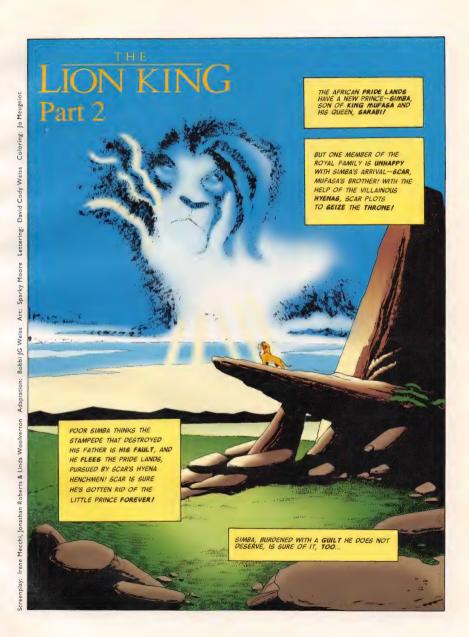






















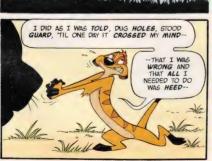




















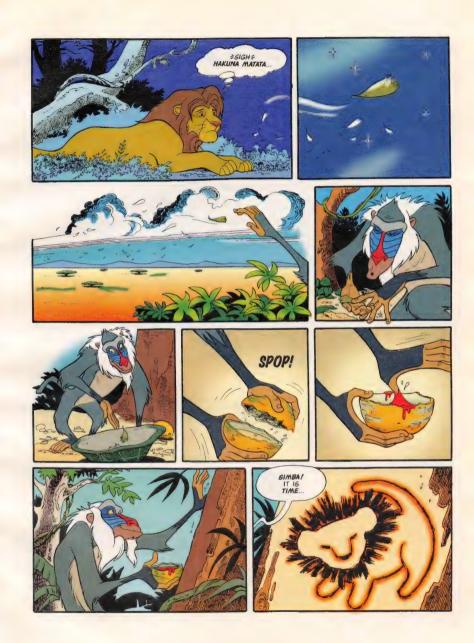


































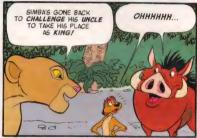














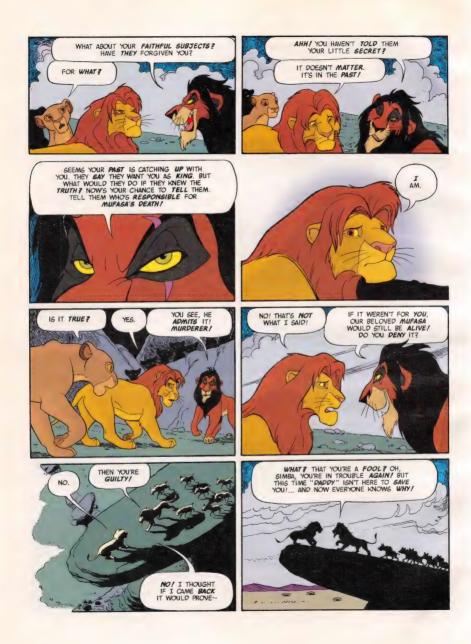






























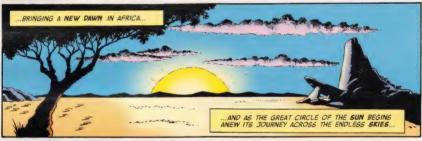


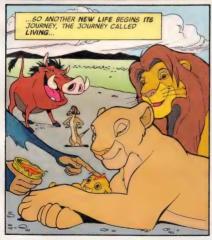




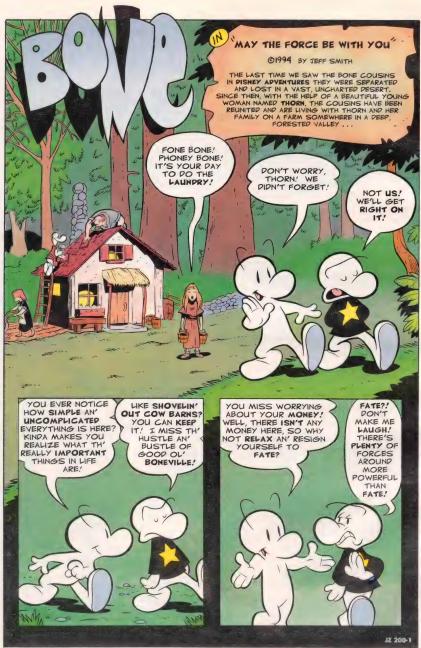










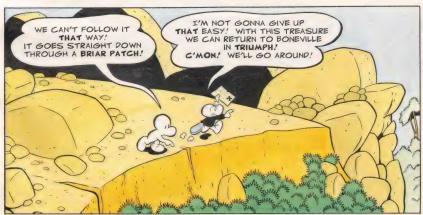


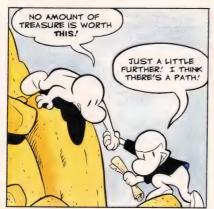


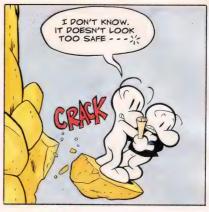










































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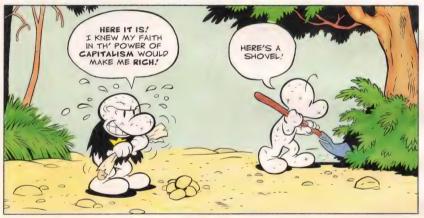














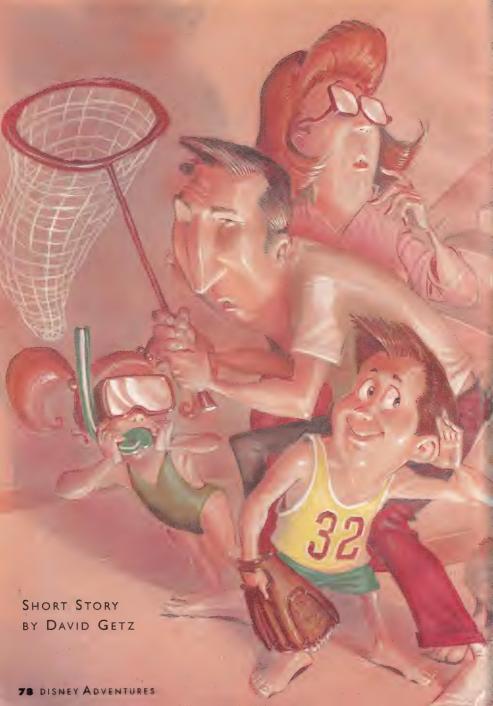












Something's in the Walls

Caren, my sister, was the first one to notice.

"Ma, there are some people living in the walls," she said.

She was about four at the time, and none of us took her too seriously. We lived on the fourth floor of a six-story building in Queens.

"Anybody in particular?" My mother asked.

"People," she insisted. "But they're small. And I think they're typing."

"What are they typing, Karen?" my mother asked.
"I don't know," she admitted, then caught herself.
"I heard them last night. I think they're writing books. Like Daddy."

"How many of them are there?" my mother asked.

"A hundred and seven," Karen said, quite sure of herself. "They're living in the walls."

"They must be very crowded," my mother said.

"They are. They're all writing books," Karen said, suddenly full of

information. "They're writing books. About different things. Small things. And they have very small desks, and very small chairs, and they have very small paper, and they don't like each other."

"How do you know all of this?"
I asked.

"Ma, I can have some grapes?" Karen asked, walking into the kitchen. "I want some grapes."

My mother looked at me and laughed. "No, David," she said, before I could even ask, "you weren't like her when you were her age."

Then that evening I heard them. They woke me up. They didn't sound like they were typing. They sounded like they were writing with very small pieces of chalk on very small blackboards. I tried to count how many there were. One hundred and seven seemed a good guess. I got out of bed and walked into my sister's room.

"Your friends are here," I said, rubbing her shoulder.

"Franny Goldberg?" my sister asked, sitting up. She was wearing a bathing suit. Next to her pillow were a bucket and a shovel.

"No, your little friends.
The ones who live in the walls.
Come."

Sleepily, clutching her pail and shovel, she followed me back to my room.

"How come you sleep in a bathing suit?" I asked her.

"Because I like the beach," she said.

Together we sat on my bed and listened to the scratchy noises inside of the walls.

"They're writing books," Karen told me. "They're writing very small books."

"It sounds more like they're writing with tiny pieces of chalk on tiny blackboards."

"I'm going back to the beach," Karen said, and taking her shovel and pail, left for her room.

I went back to sleep.

"Ma, Karen was right," I told my mother at breakfast. "About what?"

"About the people in the walls. Only they don't sound like they're typing. They sound like they're scratching on blackboards. And I don't think they're people."

"What do you think that they are?" my mother asked.

"Mice?" I guessed.

"Oh." My mother sat down. "That's not good," she said.

"If they come out, can I keep one as a pet?" I asked.

"Oh, my," my mother put her face in her hands.

The next morning, I heard my father yelp. Or howl. It was something in between. I jumped



After half an hour, my father and I noticed my mother hadn't

returned. "Do you think the little people got her?" I asked.

out of bed. There in the bathroom, standing in his boxer shorts, with shaving cream on his face and his razor in his hand, my father was frozen like a statue, staring at the cabinet beneath the sink.

"I just met one of your sister's little friends," he said.

"Were they mice or people?" I asked.

"Neither," he said.

"What were they?" I asked.

"There was only one of them. I was shaving, and I felt something fluffy on my foot. When I looked down, there was he was. This little fluffy, butterscotch-colored creature. He didn't have a tail. He stood on his rear legs like a bear. He looked like a tiny bear. He was staring up at me. He had tiny hands, and he was watching me shave."

"Why did you scream?"
I asked.

"Oh, hi, Adrian, hi, Karen," my father said, looking past me at my mother and sister." I was just telling David here, that one of Karen's friends came by to watch me shave this morning." "Franny

Goldberg?" my sister asked.

"No, one of your tiny friends."
"Did he bring his book?"
Karen asked.

"Is he a mouse?" my mother asked.

"If he comes back, can I keep him as a pet?" I asked.

"I think we should call an exterminator," my mother said.

"He was kind of cute," my father said. "I think I scared him."

hat evening, my father, mother, sister and I gathered in the living room in a circle. We all wore our rain boots to protect our feet. My father held a butterfly net. My mother clutched an empty orange-juice container with holes punched in it for air. I was wearing my baseball mitt. Karen was wearing her bathing suit and holding her pail and shovel. We were ready.

We waited.

We listened.

"I want to go to the beach,"

Karen said.

"It's eleven o'clock on a Wednesday evening. We can't go to the beach now," my mother explained.

"I don't want to catch the little people," Karen complained. "I want to go to the beach!"

My mother picked her up and carried her into her bedroom. After half an hour, my father and I noticed my mother hadn't returned.

"Do you think the little people got her?" I asked.

"Follow me, son,"
he said, and crouching,
butterfly net in his
right hand, we stalked into my
sister's room.

My mother had fallen asleep on my sister's bed.

The next day, we bumped into Franny Goldberg in the elevator. She was my sister's age. She lived directly above us on the fifth floor.

"We have little people living in out walls," Karen told her.

"My hamster escaped," Franny told my sister.

"What's he look like?" I asked.
"He looks like a little bear."
"What's his name?"
Karen asked.

"Buster Plotnik," Franny said.

"Does he bite?" I asked.

"If you stick your finger in his nose," Franny said.

"What does he eat?" I asked.

"Matzoh and cream cheese. That's his favorite food."

"Does he write books?" Karen asked.

Buster ran across the bare feet of

my sister, who screamed as loudly as she could and threw the fish bowl in the air.

"Sometimes," Franny said.
"Sometimes...he tells me stories."

We planned to set the trap that evening. Near each of our radiators, we were going to place a dish of egg-and-onion matzoh with cream cheese. My father and I were to stand guard with baseball glove, butterfly net, rain boots and, just for added safety, I would be wearing my bicycle helmet. My mother volunteered to stand by the phone.

"Why?" asked my father.

"In case of emergency," she said. "I will call the police."

My father and I both started laughing. Then my sister entered, carrying her little fish bowl, with her tiny goldfish, Rolando, swimming around inside.

"What are you doing with Rolando?" I asked.

"He wanted to watch," she said.

Then Buster arrived. I was the first one to notice him.

"Buster!" I yelled.

He was standing on his rear legs by our living room radiator.

"It's Buster, Buster Plotnik," my father whispered.

Buster sniffed the air. He appeared to be considering his next move.

Everybody in the family froze. Under his breath, my father whispered, "Quick, Adrian, get the egg-and-onion matzoh."

My mother disappeared into the kitchen. Slowly, I opened my baseball mitt. My father raised his butterfly net.

"He's cute," my sister said. Buster sniffed the air.

"Don't anybody move," my father ordered.

Buster moved. He ran across our living room rug, into the dining room, and over the bare feet of my sister, who reacted by screaming as loudly as she could and by throwing Rolando's fish bowl up into the air.

"Dave!" my father yelled. As if we had rehearsed the whole thing hundreds of times, we both leapt, I for the fish bowl, he for the fleeing Buster Plotnik.

Luckily, I had oiled my mitt the week before. I caught the bowl just inches above the floor, saving Rolando from certain tragedy.

My father nabbed Buster just as he was about to raid our kitchen, and no doubt force my mother into giving him all of our egg-and-onion matzoh.

ranny Goldberg thanked us and hugged my sister, who claimed she caught Buster in her beach pail. Mr. Goldberg gave me a dollar. My mom gave Franny her unopened box of matzoh.

It wasn't until the next morning that we found the book, a tiny, marble-colored notebook, about the size of two postage stamps. My sister discovered it by our living room radiator. She brought it over to me.

"I told you!" she insisted.
"What does it say?"

"My Adventures in Queens, by Buster Plotnik," I read from the miniature writing on its first page. The rest of the book was empty.

"Too soon," my father said.
"We caught him too soon."

THE END



Have you discovered any secret tips for beating your favorite video games? Tell us!

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Rocko's Modern Life: Spunky's Dangerous Day

: One

: Super NES

SION: Rocko protects Spunky in this dog-eat-dog world.

FICULTY: Brainer

Spunky wants to find the golden fire hydrant on each level! Travel through Rock-o-Whey beach, the Hill-o-Stench garbage dump and Laundryland.





Take a journey through 0-Town. Rocko must protect his dog Spunky from Earl The Tough Dog, Slippy The Slug and other bad guys.

Looks like the TV series. but you're in control! Rocko helps Spunky

survive the washing machine's spin cycle and avoid the one-eved pelicans.

Zoda's Revenge: Star Tropics II

as: One

- NES

SSECRE: In Star Tropics, brave adventurer Mike Iones saved his uncle and seven space children from the evil Zoda. Now Mike faces Zoda again in this

MEFICULTY: Major Brainer



Find the medicine to restore Mike's health. Grab a star to make him temporarily invincible.



Mike and his uncle, Dr. Jones, need to decipher a puzzle that's printed on the alien children's space pod. In the Travel Stages, Mike must talk with other characters, explore and solve the puzzles.



Bubba 'N' Stix

LAYERS: One

YSTEM: Sega Genesis

MISSION: Help Bubba find his way back to Earth.

DIFFICULTY: Brainer





You can control Bubba and Stix! Stix flies through the air and helps solve puzzles and overcome obstacles.



Meet Bubba, a truck driver. kidnapped by aliens and taken to their planet. With the help of his new alien pal Stix. Bubba must find a way home.

Use Stix to bop aliens! Also use Stix as a pry bar, snorkel, step or platform. Whatever happens, don't let Bubba's air supply run out when he's in the water.

Stunt Race Fx

LAYERS: One or two

SYSTEM: Super NES TRACKS: 15

MISSION: Win the

race!

HEFICULTY: Brainer

During a race, switch between three different viewing angles to be smack in the middle of the action.

Start your engines! Choose one of four different cars to navigate along 15 different tracks in the Grand Prix mode. Check out the cool 3-D polygon graphics.



If you're a champ, you'll get to race a bonus semi-truck!





Way back in March 1994, we had a question for you: "Who's your favorite video-game hero?" And you gave us your answer, loud and clear: Sonic the Hedgehog! He zoomed past the rest. On Sonic's tail was Mega Man, followed closely by those crazy plumbers, Super Mario Bros. Then we asked, "Why?" We think Rachel "Snail" Clark, 11, of Califon, New Jersey, gave the best reply. Here's her rappin' reason why Sonic's way past cool:

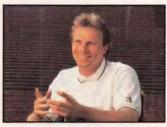
Because he's so brave. He'll never lose With those red shoes. Though he may get sick fighting Dr. Robotnick, He never wails 'cause he's got a pal named Tails. And no one will ever exceed him 'cause he's got that speed. And he's the best, Because he shreds the rest.

Sonic's my fave

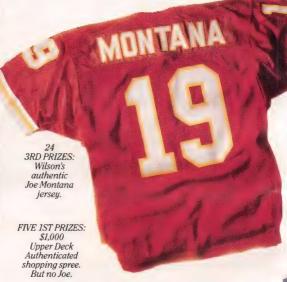


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Vital Stats: 105 cards, plus six special inserts.

Rookie Report: The limited Classic Picks insert set features five of 1993's top rookies. Don't miss the Rookie

Flashback cards featuring stars like Troy Aikman.

Collect 'Em All: A 20-card Rookie of the Year Sweepstakes gives you the chance to win a football autographed by the 1994 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year!

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Vital Stats: 384-card set.

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Pack-Em In!



his 'n' hers

This puzzle has something for everyone! The words have either H-I-S or H-E-R in them.

1.	Group of animals
	HER

2. This place

HER

- 3. Recluse
- 4. Legendary figure

HER __

5. Small, bright-red fruit

__ HER ____

6. People of Spain and Latin America

HIS______

7. Meat and veggies on a skewer

__HIS__ _____

8. The past

HIS______

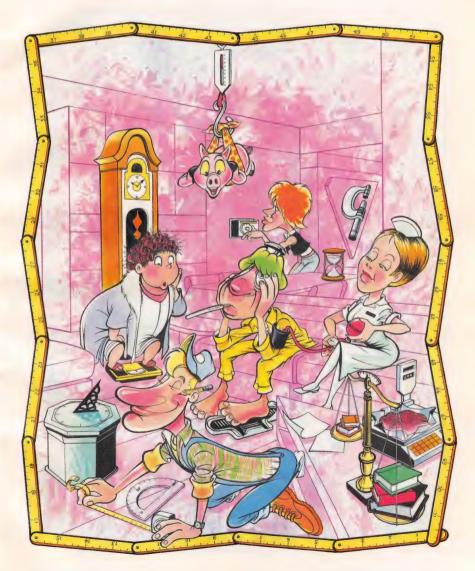
9. Metal tool for shaping stone

10. Snake sound

HIS

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How do you measure up? See how quickly you can find all the measuring devices in the scene below.



pyramid power!

The power of the pyramid can be yours! Just start in the lower left hand corner of the maze and find the path to the mummy.





15. Shoe-size indicator

14. Protractor

13. Watch

12. Tape measure

11. Balance scale

10. Sundial

9. Electronic scale instrument)

(plood-pressure

8. Sphygmomanometer

7. Bathroom scale

6. Thermometer

5. Hourglass

4. Caliper

3. Thermostat

z. Spring-balance scale

1. Grandfather clock

MEASURES TAKING

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PYRIMAD POWER!



There were these two skunks, one was named In and the other was named Out. One day, In and Out and their Mother went to the store. After they were finished, Outcame out with his Mother and in stayed in. Out's Mother told Out to go get In. Out went in, and a second later In and Out came out. Out's Mother asked Out how he found In so quickly. Out said, "Instinks!" Samantha Honushefsky, 11 Mahanoy City, PA

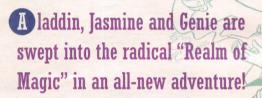
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